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from a reaction mixture after the completion of a reaction for producing an optically active cyanohydrin.

al (m) 28. (New) The method for producing an optically active cyanohydrin according to claim 24, wherein said immobilized enzyme is collected to be reused from a reaction mixture after the completion of a reaction for producing an optically active cyanohydrin.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were originally filed in this application. These claims have been canceled and new claims 11-28 have been added. Claims 11-28 correspond to claims 1-10 as filed. Applicants submit that these amendments conform the claims to United States Patent and Trademark Office practice and, as such, introduce no new matter.

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